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REMARKS

The new rejection of claim 1 has been rendered moot by the amendment of claims 1 to include the subject matter of claim 4, indicated as allowable on page 3 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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